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Attorney Docket No. 74451.P128  
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First Named Inventor Edward L. Schwartz, et al.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BLOCK SEQUENTIAL PROCESSING

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.   X   **Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)**  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2.        **Applicant Claims Small Entity Status. (37 CFR 1.27)**
3.   X   **Specification (Total Pages   92  )**  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.   X   **Drawings(s) (35 USC 113) (Total Sheets   26  )**
5.   X   **Oath or Declaration (Total Pages   5  )**
  - a.        Newly Executed (Original or Copy)
  - b.        Copy from a Prior Application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for Continuation/Divisional with Box 17 completed)
    - i.        **DELETIONS OF INVENTOR(S)** Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
  - c.   X   Unsigned.
6.        **Application Data Sheet. (37 CFR 1.76)**
7.        **CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)**
8.        **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission**  
(if applicable, all necessary)
  - a.        Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b.        Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i.        CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii.        paper
  - c.        Statement verifying identity of above copies

# ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ **Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))**
10. ☐ a. Separate 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (where there is an assignee)
- ☐ b. Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ a. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
- ☐ b. Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ **Preliminary Amendment**
14. ☒ **Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)**
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☒ **Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.**
17. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**18A. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:**

☐ **Continuation** ☐ **Divisional** ☐ **Continuation-in-part (CIP)**  
**Of Prior Application No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Examiner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Group Art Unit** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (which is a ☐ continuation/ ☐ divisional/ ☐ CIP of prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_,  
 which is a ☐ continuation/ ☐ divisional/ ☐ CIP of prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_) (List entire chain of priority)

**Applicant(s):** Also include a Preliminary Amendment to amend the specification to claim priority.  
**For CONTINUATION AND DIVISIONAL APPS only:** The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

**18B. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) for continuing application:**

The undersigned states that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of assignee) is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the accompanying patent application by virtue of an assignment recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel No. \_\_\_\_\_ Frame No. \_\_\_\_\_ (or a copy of which is attached).

## 19. Correspondence Address

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL FOR FY 2001****TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 854.00**Complete if Known:****Application No.** Not yet assigned**Filing Date** Not yet assigned**First Named Inventor** Edward L. Schwartz**Group Art Unit** Not yet assigned**Examiner Name** Not yet assigned**Attorney Docket No.** 74451.P128**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)**

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

**Deposit Account Number** 02-2666**Deposit Account Name** Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed: ☒ Check  
☐ Credit Card  
☐ Money Order  
☐ Other

**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

<u>Large Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
<u>Code</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>		
101	710	201	355	Utility application filing fee	<u>710.00</u>
106	320	206	160	Design application filing fee	<u>          </u>
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	<u>          </u>
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	<u>          </u>
114	150	214	75	Provisional application filing fee	<u>          </u>
<b>SUBTOTAL (1) \$</b>					<u>710.00</u>

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

			<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee from below</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
<b>Total Claims</b>	<u>28</u>	- 20** =	<u>8</u>	X <u>18.00</u>	= <u>144.00</u>
<b>Independent Claims</b>	<u>2</u>	- 3** =	<u>0</u>	X <u>80.00</u>	= <u>0</u>
<b>Multiple Dependent</b>					= <u>          </u>

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2) \$** 144.00

# FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	_____
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	_____
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	_____
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	_____
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	_____
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	_____
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	_____
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	_____
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	_____
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	_____
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	_____
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	_____
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	_____
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	_____
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	_____
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	_____
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	_____
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	_____
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	_____
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	_____
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	_____
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	_____
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	_____
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	_____
146	710	246	355	For filing a submission after final rejection (see 37 CFR 1.129(a))	_____
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b))	_____
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	_____
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	_____
195	300	195	300	Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal publication	_____
196	300	196	300	Publication fee for republication	_____
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098	130	098	130	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i)	_____
091	1,240	091	1,240	Acceptance of unintentionally delayed claim for priority	_____

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUBTOTAL (3) \$ 0**

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## REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

First Named Inventor Edward L. Schwartz, et al.

Title METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BLOCK SEQUENTIAL PROCESSING

Attorney Docket No. 74451.P128

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

March 30, 2001

Date



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Michael J. Mallie

Typed or Printed Name

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Registration No.

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

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If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application - Utility ( <u>92</u> pgs., with cover and abstract)	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement & PTO 149 (____ pgs.) <input type="checkbox"/> Check No. _____
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